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January 27, 2021 - Meeting Minutes

Members present: Cindy Agbayani, Deborah Bowers, Greta Rosenzweig, Meghan McGrane, Mike Mackey, and Tricia Bassing.

Others present: Staff: Sharon Minter, Jasmine Chapman, PJ Gingery; Guests: R. Orah

Guest: London Thomas

Meeting called to order at 2:33 p.m. by M. Mackey.

Quorum present

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Minutes of the December 9, 2020 meeting were reviewed and motion to accept made by M McGrane, second G. Rosenzweig. Motion passed.

3. Fiscal Reporting & Program Review

- **Finance Reports** – Presented by R. Orah. CSA FY20 Total expenditures were \$8,203,691; CSA FY21 allocation is \$8,439,201, YTD expenditures are \$2,345,657. IV-E FY21 YTD is \$83,059.
 - R. Orah commented that expenditures appear to be on track as compared to FY20. No Medicaid updates from the state office.
 - Finance division had no concerns over the expenditures at the present time. YTD expenditures are at 28% of the CSA budget allocation as compared to 34% at this same time in FY20.
 - Question raised as to explanation for spike in expenditures for November. S. Minter will look into and report back to group with her findings.
- **CSA Reports** – Presented by J. Chapman & PJ Gingery. FY21 IEP Wrap allocation is \$87,740. YTD expenditures are \$99,415. FY21 Protected funds allocation is \$201,836 with no expenditures thus far.
 - The initial IEP wraparound allocation is depleted and is currently over budget by \$12K; a supplemental request, specifically for additional WRAP funding, will be submitted to OCS.
 - FAPT has continued to hear cases every week since the lockdown via the use of the MS Teams virtual platform. Not encountering too many technical issues. During the month of December, the FAPT team reviewed 35 cases.

4. Public Comments: There were no requests received to make public comments.

5. Discussion items:

A. Action Items

- M. Mackey offered follow-up to last month's discussion on CSA Systems' Needs. As promised, he spoke with the Fiscal person in his office to explore how the administrative requirements for working with EBA are handled. Additional discussion.
- S. Minter spoke with K. Taylor and was advised that there is no Administrative funding available through CSA to support hiring of additional staff.
- S. Minter also informed the group that Dr. Stacey Hardy-Chandler, Dir., Center for Children & Families, will be meeting with various CSA stakeholders to explore feasible solutions to addressing identified systems' needs. Date of meeting TBD.
- M. Makey informed that he has had some preliminary discussions with OMB about the feasibility of Sheltercare being CSA-funded.

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- Additional discussion and questions raised included: What would the advantage be to both the City and the Shelter in making this change? Would this change allow for opportunity to influence the quality of care in the Shelter?

B. CSA Funding & Special Education Legislation

- o Discussion around several bills currently before the General Assembly that seek to expand the use of CSA funding to cover the costs of services for students transitioning back to local public schools from private day placements.
- o Questions raised for consideration included: What benefit would students and their families realize as a result of this legislation being passed? Would it facilitate students returning to the local school system?
- o Some issues around this proposed legislation include: feasibility, logistics with regard to implementation, costs associated with system upgrades that would be required and ramifications of costs exceeding current private day expenditure cap.
- o Item to watch. Further discussion needed and should include ACPMT school representative.

C. CSA Contracting

- Update on Meeting with City Attorney's office

- o M. Mackey, T. Bassing, S. Minter, J. Chapman and P. Gingery met with S. McElveen from the City Attorney's office to review current contracting process and discuss contracting questions and concerns.
- o S. McElveen clarified circumstances under which the City Attorney's office may need to get further involved with the process beyond their initial review of document.

- Contract Policy #11

- o Discussion about the language in current policy as regards actual practice and whether any needed changes are a matter of amending the policy or the contracting process.
- o Lengthy discussion around related issues in this area.
- o Request for copy of contract process flow map to be distributed to ACPMT members for continued discussion/work session at next month's meeting. M. McGrane offered to facilitate the work session and discussion at the next meeting.

D. Emergency Policy Draft #12

- o Item tabled for review at a subsequent meeting.

E. Evidence-Based Practices Training Reboot

- o S. Minter informed the group that this training is being re-planned for the Spring of 2021. Additional details to follow.

F. CSA Virtual Symposium – March 10, 2021

- o The annual CSA symposium will be held virtually on March 10, 2021. The theme is "Equity in Behavioral Healthcare."
- o Deadline for registration is February 25, 2021.

6. Adjournment: With no further items to be discussed, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, this meeting is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Section 4-0.01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. Members of the Board and staff are participating from remote locations through a Zoom platform.